

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view illustrating a conventional LCD cell in an active matrix LCD. As shown, the LCD cell 20 has lower and upper substrates 2 and 4 and a liquid crystal (LC) layer 10 interposed therebetween. The lower substrate 2 has a thin film transistor (TFT) "S" as a switching element that switches a voltage that changes the orientation of the LC molecules. The lower substrate 2 also includes a pixel electrode [4]14 that is used to apply an electric field across the LC layer 10 in response to signals applied to the TFT "S". The upper substrate 4 has a color filter 8 for producing a color, and a common electrode 12 on the color filter 8. The common electrode 12 serves as an electrode that produces the electric field across the LC layer (with the assistance of the pixel electrode 14). The pixel electrode 14 is arranged over a pixel portion "P," i.e., a display area. Further, to prevent leakage of the LC layer 10, a pair of substrates 2 and 4 are sealed by a sealant 6.